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Dear WCDP Provider:

Pharmacy providers will soon be able to submit their claims electronically. Providers may choose to continue submitting claims on paper, micro ECS, or tape, to the Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program (WCDP). The WCDP companion document for the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) – compliant National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) 5.1 transactions is now available from WCDP.

The implementation date for WCDP NCPDP 5.1 billing will be *October 13, 2003*. Although pharmacy providers will then be able to submit their claims electronically, WCDP does not have the financial resources to implement a real time point of sale system.

The WCDP companion document provides specific information that can be used with the National HIPAA – mandated Implementation Guides. These Implementation Guides define the electronic format and values for each data element within an electronic transaction. Companion documents are available on the WCDP website at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/wcdp/.

The NCPDP 5.1 companion document provides information on WCDP's requirements for NCPDP 5.1 billing transactions. The NCPDP 5.1 is the format standard for retail pharmacy drug claims.

In order to bill WCDP electronically, a pharmacy provider must have a WCDP software vendor ID. For information on or to receive a WCDP software vendor ID, contact the Division of Health Care Financing, Electronic Data Interchange department at (608) 221-9036.

Sincerely,

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